



THE EASTER VIGIL

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We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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✠ Service of Light

The catechumens and their sponsors, and the chancel party gather around the new fire. The Presiding Celebrant blesses the fire and prepares the Paschal Candle to be lit from the fire. The Deacon carries the lit candle into the Church, pausing inside the front door. The congregation stands. The Deacon sings:

Deacon: The light of Christ.

All: 

Thanks be to God.

The chancel party, catechumens and sponsors process into the narthex and pause at the second station. They receive the light and then move up the centre aisle. They pause at the third station and the congregation receives the light. After the last station, the Deacon installs the Candle in its stand, while the choir sings:

Phos Hilaron (George Black)

The Exultet

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: 

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Leader: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the
unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's
sin to our eternal Father.

All: 
Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader: This is the Passover feast, when Christ,
the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of
Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when Christians everywhere,
washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement,
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of
death and rose triumphant from the grave.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless
your merciful love! To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Therefore Heavenly Father in the joy of this night receive our evening sacrifice of praise your church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle, may it always dispel the darkness of this night.

All: **Alleluia!**

Leader: May this Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Vigil of Readings and Prayers

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with

Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-18, 9.8-13

Song: "Come See the Rainbow" (arr. Doug Cowling)



1. Come see the rain - bow, sign of God's mer - cy, God has
2. Come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's jus - tice, God will
3. Come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's glo - ry, God has



giv - en us a pro - mise true; come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's
shel - ter us with migh - ty hand; come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's
pro - mised us e - ter - nal light; come, see the rain - bow, sign of God's



mer - cy, God has set it in the heav - ens blue:
jus - tice, God has set its arch a - bove our land:
glo - ry, God has set its col - ours glow - ing bright:

Refrain

Raise hand in rainbow arch



God's love is shin - ing in the sky, lift up your hands and your

Raise hand in rainbow arch



voice, God's love is shin - ing in the sky, lift up your heart and re - joice!

A brief silence is observed

Collect

Priest: Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies
as the sign of your covenant with all living things.
May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our
sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Second Reading

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

Song: "Sing Now With Joy"



1. Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The
2. God is our strength, he is our song, he saved us from our en - e - my. All
3. He on - ly is the migh - ty Lord. He on - ly can des - troy the foe. He



horse, the__ rid - er, and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
praise and thanks to him be - long who came to__ set his peo - ple free.
on - ly__ is to be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

TEXT: Exodus 15 / TUNE: Adon Olam (Eliezer ben Yhitzchok Gerowitsch). The Hymnal 1982.

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: God of steadfast love,
your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day.
By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people
from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us
of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism.
Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered
among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Third Reading

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me,

‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Song: “Dry Bones” (*Delta Rhythm Boys*)

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: Living God,
by the Passover of your Son
you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.
Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit
the will and power to proclaim you to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Fourth Reading

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55.1-11

Song: “The Cross” (*Prince*)

Black day, stormy night
No love, no hope in sight
Don't cry, he is coming
Don't die without knowing the cross
Ghettos to the left of us
Flowers to the right
There'll be bread for all of us
If we can just bear the cross
Sweet song of salvation
A pregnant mother sings
She lives in starvation
Her children need all that she brings
We all have our problems
Some big, some are small
Soon all of our problems
Will be taken by the cross

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: O God,
by the power of your Word you have created all things,
and by your Spirit you renew the earth.
Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you,
that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please rise, as you are able

*The congregation will relight their tapers from the servers' torches,
as the Chancel Party moves to the Baptismal Font.*

Priest: Blessed be God,
All **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Priest: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,
All **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

The Baptismal Prayer

Water is poured into the Font. The presider says,

Priest: Holy God, well-spring of life,
in your love and justice,
you use the gift of water to declare your saving power.
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
By the gentle dew, the steady rain,
you nourish and give increase to all that grows;
you make the desert a watered garden.
You command the wildness of the waves;
when the storm rages you calm our fear;
in the stillness you lead us to a deeper faith.
In the life-giving rivers and the rainbow
Israel discerned your mercy.
You divided the Red Sea
to let them pass from slavery in Egypt
to freedom in the Promised Land.
In the waters of Jordan,
penitents found forgiveness in the baptism of John.
There, Jesus your beloved child was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
that he might bring us
to the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Send upon this water and upon your people
your holy, life-giving Spirit.

All: **Bring those who have been baptized in this water
with Christ through the waters of death,
to be one with him in his resurrection.
Sustain your people by your Spirit
to be hope and strength to the world.**

Priest: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

God's Call

The presider addresses the congregation,

Priest: God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory,
in baptism to declare his new life, in fellowship and mission to share it.
Do you accept this call?

All: **We hear and accept God's call.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

All: **I believe.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

All: **I believe.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

All: **I believe.**

Commitment to Christian Life

Priest: Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: This is the task of the Church.

All: **This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

The Asperges

The Priest sprinkles the people, while the Choir sings the following musical offering.

Musical Offering: “Tryin’ to get Ready” (*arr. Clayton White*)

Tryin' to get ready, Lord
Ready to try on my long white robe.

Priest: God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Proclamation of Easter.

✠ The Easter Proclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

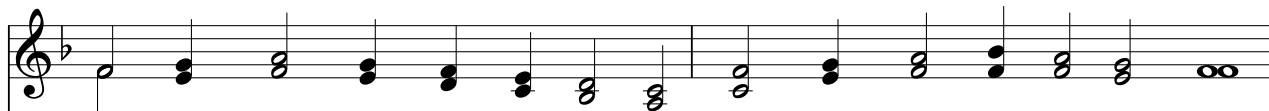
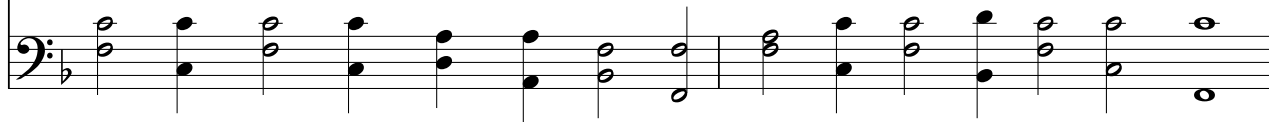
All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A fanfare sounds. Everyone ring your bells, shake your shakers, or beat your pots and pans.
In short, make lots of noise! Then all sing the Gloria on the next page.*

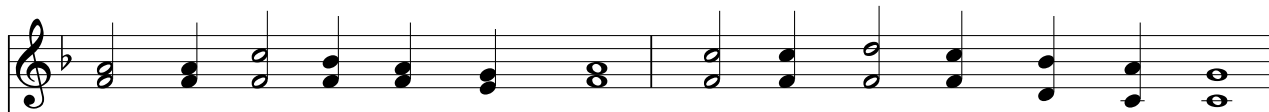
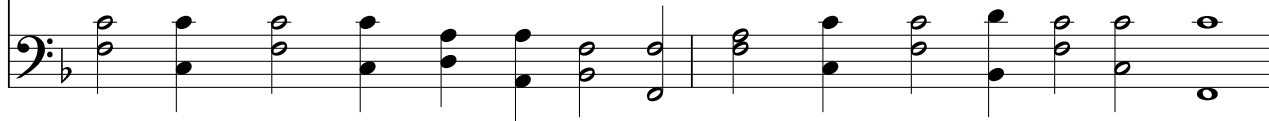
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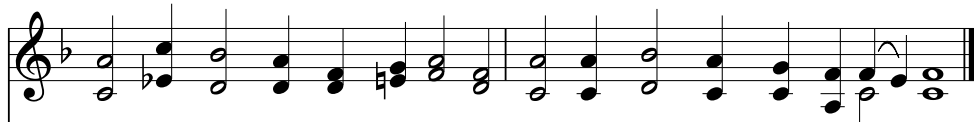
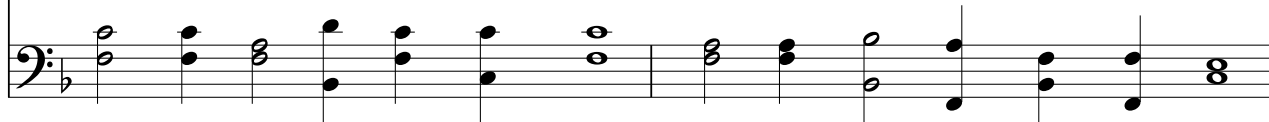
1. Glo - ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Lamb of God, for sin - ners given,



Wor - ship, thanks, and praise un - ceas - ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - te - rnal, born of Ma - ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:

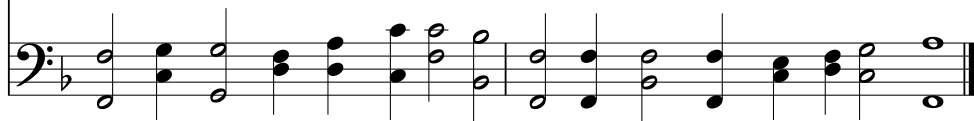


reign - ing in the sap - phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



TEXT: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-). MUSIC: Psalm 42; Melody Geneva, 1551. harm. based on Claude Goudimel (1505-1572); rev. Alain Mabit (19??-); rev. © 1995 Reveil Publications

now re - ceive our a - dor - a - tion, as we make our sup - pli - ca - tion.
with the Spi - rit there u - nit - ed, and the God - head high ex - alt - ed.



The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Epistle

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 6.3-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Gradual Hymn: #227 (Common Praise) "Israel Went Out"



1. Is - ra - el went out from E - gypt, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God;
2. Moun-tains skipped just like scared rams, so trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
3. Trem - ble, O you earth and sky, yes, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.



sanc - tu - ar - y found in Ju - dah, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
Hills were bound - ing like young lambs, yes, trem-ble at the pres-ence of God.
God is strong, how great and high, so trem-ble at the pres-ence of God,



Great seas saw them come and ran a - way in fright,
Tell us, great roar - ing sea, why do you run a - way?
who has brought cool - ing rains when days grew hot - ter,



trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Ho - ly Jor - dan turned her wa - ters
Trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Ho - ly moun-tains strong and bold, why
trem-ble at the pres-ence of God. Sto - ny hills are burst - ing forth with



back at the sight, trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,
must you shake that way? trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,
cool - ing wa - ter, trem-ble at the com-ing of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.
al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.
al-le-lu-ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al-le-lu-ia.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24.1-12

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Cantor: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy
and life-giving resurrection,



let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Hear us, Lord of glo - ry!

Cantor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength
in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Cantor: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Cantor: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Cantor: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Cantor: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying,
that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Cantor: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #204 (Common Praise) "Truly, He Comes to Us"



1. Truly, he comes to us: dark-ness is end-ed; now night is
2. Night has made way for the great pro-cla-ma-tion; morn-ing has
3. Stripped of the grave-clothes, the bo-dy now glor-ious ris-en im-
4. Weep-ing is ov-er, and death is de-feat-ed; life is re-
5. High-est, most ho-ly, once lost and for-sa-ken: now, from the
6. Give God the glo-ry and glad a-dor-a-tion, from whom and



ov-er, his light is as-cend-ed: ul-ti-mate sun-rise, that
bro-ken, with songs of e-la-tion. Christ comes in light from the
mor-tal, for-ev-er vic-to-rious; comes to ful-fill all the
cov-ered and joy is com-plet-ed. Guards, at the sep-ul-chre,
sleep of the dead you a-wa-ken; an-gels ap-pear at the
through whom and in whom, cre-a-tion looks for the joy which, in



floods all cre-a-tion, bring-ing his se-cret from death's des-o-la-tion.
depths of his pris-on, death is a-ban-doned, and Je-sus is ris-en.
pro-phets have spo-ken; pro-mise of life that will nev-er be bro-ken.
scat-ter be-fore him; Je-sus is ris-en, and an-gels a-dore him.
tomb with the sto-ry: "He is not here, but is ris-en in glo-ry."
Christ, we in-her-it: prais-ing the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Spir-it!

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus: #732 (Common Praise)

All sing

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho-

san-na in the high-est.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

Memorial Acclamation: #733 (Common Praise)

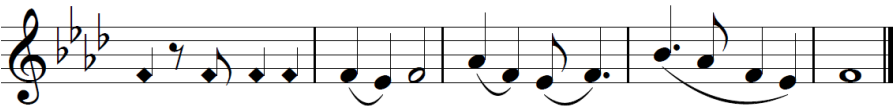


Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen: #734 (Common Praise)



A-men, a - men, a - men.

MUSIC: Community Mass,
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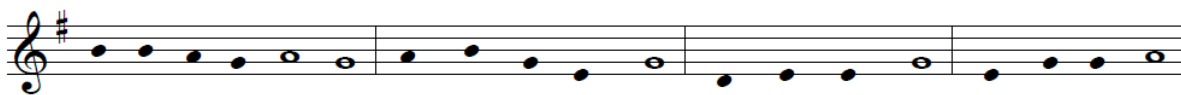
The Lord's Prayer

Officiant



Gathering our prayers and praises in-to one, let us pray as our Sa-viour taught us.

All



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, For-give us our sins



as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours,



now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

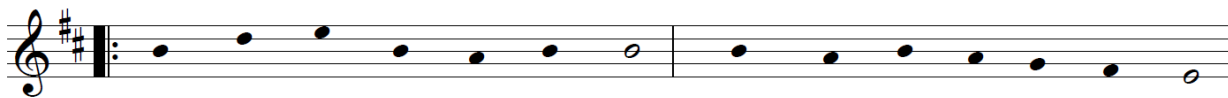
All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Fraction Hymn: #241 (Common Praise) "Christians, to the Paschal Victim"



Chris - tians, to the Pas - chal vic - tim of - fer your thank - ful prais - es!



A lamb, the sheep re - deem - ing: Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,
Death and life have con - tend - ed in that com - bat stu - pend - ous:



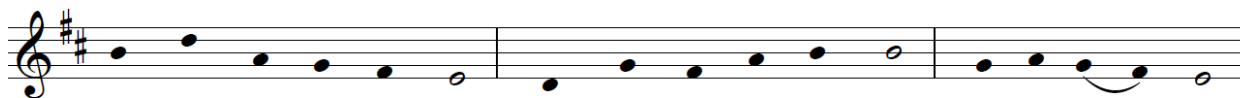
rec - on - ciles a lost world to the Fath - er. Tell, Ma - ry, we will hear - ken,
the Prince of life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal. bright an - gels at - test - ing,



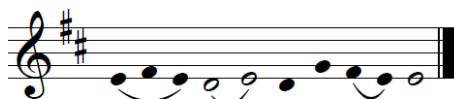
what you saw in the gar - den: "The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing; the
the shroud and nap - kin rest - ing. For Christ my hope is a - rise - en; to



glo - ry of Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion; Christ in - deed from death is ris - en,
Gal - i - lee he will go be - fore you."



our new life ob - tain - ing; have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!



A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Wigbert (Wipo of Burgundy (?-1050?); tr. *The Antiphoner and Grail*, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode 1; melody attrib. Wigbert (Wipo of Burgundy) (?-1050?);
harm. Patrick Wedd (1948-).

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Communion Song: "Let the Sunshine In" (Galt MacDermot)

Communion Hymn: #436 (Gather) "Surrexit Christus"



O _____ Sur - re-xit Chri-stus, al-le-lu-ia! O _____ Can - ta-te Do-mi-no,



TEXT: *Christ is risen, sing to the Lord*; Daniel 3; Taize Community. 1984.
TUNE: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA
Publications, Inc.

al-le-lu-ia!

Motet: “All Of Us” (Craig Hella Johnson / Michael Dennis Browne)

All Of Us is a movement out of a larger Passion narrative called Considering Matthew Shepard. Matt was beaten and tied to a fence in rural Wyoming. He died several days later in hospital. Craig Hella Johnson composed this Passion using similar musical devices, formats, and narrative arches to those composed by J.S. Bach. The 'cross' is personified in the fence. Today we hear a song of passion, glory, and love; a song of hopefulness and rebirth following a brutal murder; a song of baptism and unity as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

What could be the song? Where begin again?
Who could meet us there? Where might we begin?
From the shadows climb, Rise to sing again;
Where could be the joy? How do we begin?
Never our despair, Never the least of us,
Never turn away, Never hide our face;
Ordinary boy, Only all of us,
Free us from our fear, Only all of us.

What could be the song? Where begin again?
Who could meet us there? Where might we begin?
From the shadows climb, Rise to sing again;
Where could be the joy? How do we begin?
Never our despair, Never the least of us,
Never turn away, Never hide your face;
Ordinary boy, Only all of us,
Free us from our fear.

Only in the Love, Love that lifts us up,
Clear from out the heart From the mountain's side,
Come creation come, Strong as any stream;
How can we let go? How can we forgive?
How can we be dream?

Out of heaven, rain, Rain to wash us free;
Rivers flowing on, Ever to the sea;
Bind up every wound, Every cause to grieve;
Always to forgive, Only to believe.

Chorale

*Most noble Light, Creation's face, How should we live but joined in you,
Remain within your saving grace Through all we say and do
And know we are the Love that moves The sun and all the stars?+
O Love that dwells, O Love that burns In every human heart.*

*This evergreen, this heart, this soul, Now moves us to remake our world,
Reminds us how we are to be Your people born to dream;
How old this joy, how strong this call, To sing your radiant care
With every voice, in cloudless hope Of our belonging here.*

(Heaven: Wash me . . .)

All of us, only all of us. What could be the song? Where do we begin?
Only in the Love, Love that lifts us up. All Of Us. All.

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn: #435 (Gather) "Sing to the Mountains"

Refrain



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.



This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

Verses



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea.



You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.



2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry.



3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.



Now all death has turned to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

TEXT: Psalm 118; Bob Dufford, SJ (1943 -). TUNE: Bob Dufford, SJ (1943 -); acc. by Sir Theophane Hytrek, OSF (1915-1992), alt. © 1975, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and New Dawn Music.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*After the service you are invited to remain in the space, in the church or online,
and stay for conversation and celebration.*